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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7464

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1154

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DM

SUBJ: DAHOMEAN AMBASSADORS RECALLED

REF COTONOU 1129

1. FOLLOWING ON THE HEELS OF THE DEFECTION OF DAHOMEY'S  
AMB TO BELGIUM, GRATIEN POGNON, THE DAHOMEAN GOVT HAS RECALLED  
ALL OF ITS AMBASSADORS HOME ON "CONSULATION". DAHOMEY HAS 6  
OTHER AMBASSADORS, (PARIS, BONN, OTTAWA, KINSHASA, LAGOS AND  
WASHINGTON). THERE IS ALSO ONE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES (PEKING)  
AND A PERM REP (NIAMEY), BUT WE ARE UNCERTAIN IF THEY ARE  
INCLUDED IN THE RECALL ORDER. GOVT ALSO ANNOUNCED  
THAT THE PASSPORTS OF AMB POGNON AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN  
WITHDRAWN.

2. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REF THREE AMBASSADORS (PARIS, BONN  
AND LAGOS) WILL PROBABLY BE SACKED UPON RETURN TO COTONOU.  
IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT AT LEAST ONE OR TWO OF THEM WILL  
IGNORE THE RECALL ORDER AND REFUSE TO RETURN TO DAHOMEY. THE  
KEREKOU REGIME WILL BE HARD PRESSED TO FIND COMPETENT RE-  
PLACEMENTS.

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